

223—35.7(303) Grants available. The following categories of historic preservation grants may be funded:

35.7(1) Survey and planning subgrants.

a. Purpose. The program provides funds for planning and implementation of activities related to the survey, evaluation, nomination, and protection of Iowa's cultural resources.

b. Procedure.

(1) Individuals or other entities may submit survey or planning proposals to the deputy state historic preservation officer during the annual workplan development period between June 1 and August 31. If the proposal is accepted, a competitive bidding process shall be held. The individual or entity suggesting the proposal may be an eligible bidder.

(2) Allowable activities shall include the survey of cultural resources, nomination and evaluation of cultural resources, research on historic contexts, and preservation planning.

(3) All applicants are encouraged to include community involvement and local volunteer participation.

(4) All grants under this program require match equal to or greater than 30 percent of state funding.

(5) All questions and applications may be directed to Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, State Historical Society of Iowa, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, (515)281-8741.

35.7(2) Preservation partnership subgrants.

a. Purpose. This program provides preservation education and technical assistance for a one-year period to a competitively selected multicounty area which has not been the subject of a cultural resources survey and does not participate in the certified local government program.

b. Procedure.

(1) Individuals or other entities may submit competitive applications for the selection of their two-or three-county area to the deputy state historic preservation officer during the annual workplan development period between March 1 and April 15. Potential applicants shall be notified by a mailing to all county boards of supervisors and county and local historical organizations in counties with no county preservation commissions or existing cultural resource surveys 45 days prior to the application deadline. Award decisions shall be made by May 15 of each year.

(2) Applicants shall identify goals and objectives to be achieved during the project, interested individuals and organizations, sources of potential matching funds, known historical resources in the county, and a potential local project coordinator for each county.

(3) Survey and planning grants may be awarded in the same project area.

(4) All applicants are encouraged to include community involvement and local volunteer participation.

(5) All proposals shall be limited to activities to be completed within one year.

(6) All questions and applications may be directed to Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, State Historical Society of Iowa, Capitol Complex, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, (515)281-8719.

35.7(3) Certified local government subgrants.

a. Purpose. This program seeks to enrich, develop, and help local historic preservation programs in cooperation with state and federal historic preservation programs.

b. General policy.

(1) Only certified local governments shall be eligible to apply for and receive a grant through this program.

(2) The state historic preservation officer shall not be required to award funds to all certified local governments.

(3) The program shall operate as a competitive grant program.

(4) Following the award of a grant a contractual agreement specifying the terms of the grant shall be executed between the society and the grant recipient.

c. Procedure.

(1) Application packets shall be sent to all eligible applicants at least 45 days prior to each application deadline.

(2) All applications shall be submitted on the forms provided by the state historical society of Iowa. All applications shall contain a description of the proposed project including a time schedule for implementation; the amount of grant funds requested; the amount, kind, and source of local match which is committed to the project; a budget for the project; written assurance that the applicant shall follow the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Archaeology and Historic Preservation; and written assurance that the applicant shall select a principal investigator who meets the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualification standards.

(3) Survey projects shall have local match not less than 30 percent of the total project cost. All other types of projects shall have local match not less than 50 percent of total project cost.

(4) Staff shall be available for consultation with applicants regarding the development of project proposals.

(5) Staff shall review applications for completeness and eligibility upon receipt of the application. Incomplete or ineligible applications shall be returned to the applicant. The applicant may correct and return the application prior to the grant deadline.

(6) Program staff shall conduct a preliminary review of each application to determine eligibility, completeness, consistency with program purpose, and amount of local match. Applications which do not meet these criteria shall not be considered for funding. Results of the staff review shall be transmitted to the state National Register nominations review committee which will prepare recommendations for the board of trustees.

(7) Applications shall be reviewed by the state National Register nominations review committee at a regular meeting closely following the application deadline. The date of review shall be established by the administrator of the society. Recommendations from the committee shall be submitted to the board of trustees for formal approval. Final authority for funding shall rest with the state historic preservation officer.

(8) Applicants objecting to the decision of the state historic preservation officer may appeal to the National Park Service. Inquiries and appeals may be directed to the Rocky Mountain Regional Office, Division of Cultural Resources, National Park Service, 12795 West Alameda Parkway, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225, (303)969-2875.

d. Grant awards.

(1) Upon the approval of a grant by the state historic preservation officer, a grant agreement shall be prepared that specifies the terms and conditions of the grant, including the grant amount, project description, matching requirements, and dates for the submission of specified products.

(2) The grant agreement shall be signed by the state historic preservation officer or designee and the chief elected local official of the certified local government or designee.

(3) If grant funds are awarded and later the certified local government determines that the project cannot be completed, the certified local government coordinator shall recommend to the state historic preservation officer alternatives for expenditure of the funds. The decision of the state historic preservation officer shall be final.